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Hoodoo Butte To Be Site of 1940 Winter Outing

NEW YEAR IN REVIEW

Members of the Obsidian club saw the old year out and cheered the new year in at the annual New Year's party, one of the most successful events of its kind yet staged by the club. More than 60 members of the club and their guests attended the two-day celebration, held this year at the former Belknap CCC camp.

Biggest event of the week-end was the party held Sunday night with contests, dancing, singing and a midnight lunch included on the program. Dorr Hamlin was awarded the famous "horsefeathers" Trophy for his prize-winning tale in the liars' contest. His story will be found elsewhere in this bulletin. Competing with Dorr were Dr. O. R. Gullion, Jean Taylor, Bob Lemon, Roland Burghardt, Al Hoffman. Paul Deutschmann and Miner Hamlin.

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OBSIDIANS HAVE NEW HOME

At the annual Obsidian New Year's dinner, a short business meeting of the members was called by vice-president O. R. Gullion. It was voted to give up the present Obsidian cabin just above Lost Creek Ranch and lease instead the officers' headquarters of the former Belknap CCC camp. With the lease of this building goes the privilege of using two dormitories, the kitchen and recreational facilities of the camp for overnight use. Plans are underway for work trips to the new cabin.

POTLUCK DINNER WILL BE FEBRUARY 9

The social committee has planned a potluck dinner and Valentine party for Friday, February 9, at 6 p. m. at the W.O.W. hall, 291 Eighth avenue west. Modern and old-fashioned dances will be featured. Roland Burghardt will lead the singing, and Darwin Yoran will call the quadrille. Chester Pietka, accordionist, will play for the dancing and singing.

Miss Leslie Brockelbank will give a puppet show. Table games will also be provided.

WALLACE CLARK SCANS NATIONAL REPORT

Competitive skiing has taken a new trend in the last few years. America has been putting some first class racers into a field heretofore exclusively dominated by European Skiers. In the last few years we have put some excellent racers into the competition with Dick Durrance leading the field.

Until recently most of the great American skiers have come from the Eastern seaboard states. Lately, however the West has put in its bid for recognition. Skiers have come from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. From California have come John and Robert Blatt. In Washington they come mostly from Seattle. In Oregon they have had a chance to ski on famous Mt. Hood.

John and Bobby Blatt, 16 and 18 years old, who placed 7th and 9th in the 1939 Nationals learned

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Snow commencing to lay in the mountains — time to think of winter camp, annual event of the Club that has grown to almost equal importance with the summer outing.

One complete week of unbroken opportunity to ski—ski—and ski, to your heart's delight. Date for the outing—March 17 to 24—spring vacation at the university.

There has been considerable talk in favor of holding the annual winter outing at Hoodoo Butte, and utilizing the fine facilities of the newly constructed Santiam Ski Lodge for the headquarters of the occasion.

This new ski lodge, constructed by the Willamette National Forest and operated by the Willamette Ski Council, has all the necessary appointments — big fire place in main lodge room, adequate men's and women's dormitories each equipped with hot showers, affable attendant in constant charge, and meals provided by an established kitchen crew.

Hoodoo Butte ski area affords ample opportunity to enjoy the best in skiing. This sports center is favored by the Bend Skyliners ahead of their own area, as the closest and most popular ski area to Bend.

Cost of the outing is as yet unannounced, but it will be very nominal, not exceeding the cost of last year's event.

Guil Hollingsworth was one of the Eugene students on the honor roll at Oregon State College last term. Congratulations!

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A LOOK AHEAD

By President Hugh Currin

Many Obsidians are missing a pretty good thing by not attending Summer Camp.

Did you go to the Fair last summer? Drive six hundred miles to get there and six hundred miles back? Pay fifty cents to get through the gate so you could spend all day punishing your feet? Go hungry because every table in every restaurant was full and a line up waiting? Stand up all the way on the long street car ride or fight traffic for hours to and from the Fairgrounds? And come home broke at the end of the week?

At Obsidian Camp you can have all outdoors to park your car and wear your feet out for nothing extra. If you feel lazy you can just sit and look at the scenery. They stand it on edge for you there. When evening comes and you have doped the sunburn and taped up the blisters, you sit on a log without any back at a table loaded with everything the cook and camp committee can think of. If you go away hungry it's your own fault. And after that, camp-fire or bed? Who ever chose bed with a roaring fire and a lively gang waiting?

All this is for a fraction of the cost of a trip to a World's Fair. Aren't a lot of Obsidians and their friends missing a good thing every summer?

LET'S DANCE

By Olga Mortensen

Yes, folks, we are still having our dancing classes every Thursday night, and more and more old timers coming out right along, with about thirty-five attending last week's dance. The schottische and polkas, rye waltz and finger polka are still the most popular. Here is your chance of getting instruction and having two hours of fun.

The dance is held from eight until ten at the Thranert Dance Studio, 817 Willamette Street, over the U. S. National Bank. Let's all get together next Thursday night.

SKI BUS

Of special interest in the 1940 ski program is the establishment of a weekly Greyhound ski bus service to the Hand Lake Ski Area. The company plans to provide one of their de luxe busses to accommodate the many university students and towns people who have never been able to obtain transportation to the popular ski area. Round trip rates of a dollar and a half have been announced for the trip, which will afford anyone a full day of enjoyment and healthful sport at a very economical figure. The bus leaves town about 7:30 Sunday morning, and after arriving at Hand Lake will be kept heated throughout the day as a warm shelter for the passengers.

On the return trip it will stop at Belknap where the passengers can swim in the popular heated outdoor pool. The bus is scheduled to return to Eugene about seven o'clock in the evening.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Henry Norton, while making a recent non-stop dash to Klamath Falls, saw a large sign, "Drive slow. This means you!"

Henry stopped in surprise and exclaimed, "Jeepers! How did they know I was here?"

Life insurance agent: "Do you want a straight life?"

Tony: "Well, I like to step out once in a while."

Junior Obsidians Active

By Elizabeth Edmunds

A "fair" week of skiing on Mt. Hood was enjoyed by a group of eight junior Obsidians who spent the Christmas holidays at Mazoma lodge. Next to skiing the schottische and polka were most popular activities. Those who made the trip were Margaret De Cou, Polly Gordon, Leslie Brocklebank, Pheobe Smith, Elizabeth Edmunds, Gordon Gullion, Wallace Clark, Albert Hoffman.

Making a three day stay at the Hand Lake cabin, January 29, 30, 31, were Wallace Clark, Walter Gilbert, Albert Hoffman, and Maurice Vitus.

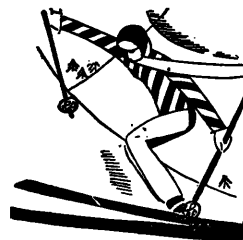
Most any Sunday will find a large per centage of the junior members on the ski hills. Outstanding is Obsidian's "great hope" Wallace "Killer" Clark, who took first in the placement races at Hand Lake, January 29, and is destined to "go places."

PRINCESS MEETING

Obsidian Princesses will meet February 13 at the home of Helen Wiser, with Mary Gillespie as co-hostess. The first meeting of the new year was held January 9 at the home of Celeste Campbell. Nineteen members were present for the evening's entertainment of games. Margaret Thompson was assistant hostess.

"Killer" Clark was heard to inquire, "I don't suppose you don't know nobody who don't want to hire nobody to do nothing, don't you?"

Obsidian chorus — "Yes, I don't."



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New Year in Review

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Contestants in the pie-eating contest were just as surprised as the spectators, for the nature of the contest was not revealed until just before the contest started. Blanche Osborn received the prize for her consumption of about one-half a peach pie. Others in the contest were Miner Hamlin, Jean Taylor, Chester Pietka, and Marge Schnellbacher.

Arthur Belknap, Miner Hamlin and Bryan Ryan added a little originality to the hog-calling contest with their interpretations of the different varieties of calls for different kinds of pigs. Mr. Belknap won the contest with the simple or garden variety of hog-calling, while Miner demonstrated "road hog" calling and Bryan "parlor pig" calling.

Winners in the other contests were Thelma Spencer and Bob Swennes, polka contest; Bryan Ryan and Jean Taylor, schottische.

One of the high spots in hilarity during the evening was the little drama based on a famous mountain climbing expedition of last summer. Members of the Obsidian Chiefs who took part were Ray Sims, Tony Vogel, Bob Wilson, Dorr Hamlin, and Bryan Ryan.

Helen Smith and Vera Heidenreich of the Obsidian Princesses presented "The Lover's Errand."

Roland Burghardt acted as master of ceremonies and led the singing. After the program, dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when supper was served and favors given out.

Most of the group visited the Sand Hills the following day, but

left early in the afternoon when a light rain began to fall, and returned to the camp to await the New Year's dinner.

Most of the party would be willing to admit that not a little credit for the success of the week-end should go to Clarence Cole, the cook, and his assistant, Howard Caudle, who prepared a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Following the dinner, a mock wedding was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Doran McKee, who celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on New Year's Day. Taking part in the ceremony were Helen Smith as the bride; Alvin Lynch, the bridegroom; Dorr Hamlin, the minister; Marge Schnellbacher, the flower girl; Miner Hamlin, the best man; and Jean Taylor and Jean Randolph, bridesmaids.

Wallace Clark Will Be Here

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to ski in Switzerland. Dick Durance spent seven years in the Black Forests of Germany.

However, with the wide-spread enthusiasm and recent development of skiing in the U. S. many other skiers are coming to the foreground. Such as Cliff Blann and Olof Rotogarrad of Portland. Cliff placed 26th in the nationals and Olof 5th.

In the northwest the skiing leaders have also taken a rapid shift. The old time leaders Hvam and others of the old class are rapidly being replaced by new customers to the field. Witness Gordon Anderson's recent win over all the old favorites in placing first in the senior class of the Portland day meet January 1. He never raced before.

In the northwest the Juniors (20 or under) are rapidly taking the lead away from the Seniors. In many meets such young stars as Dick Lewis, Reese Stevenson, Dan French, and Bill Helmig of Portland, all under 18, have beaten many of the Cascade Ski Clubs by seconds.

In fact the Oregon Winter Sports Association and the National Ski Association recommend that small clubs concentrate exclusively on development of Junior skiers.

In rating the clubs of Oregon in regard to their standing as possessors of good racers the clubs would be listed so: Cascade Ski Club of Portland first, Bend Skyliners next, the Obsidians third, Crater Lake ski club fourth, and the Ski Laufers fifth. This rating is based on the number and ability of their junior and senior skiers.

Editor's note: Wallace's modesty forbade him commenting on his own recent triumphs. In last Sunday's contest at Hand Lake he set a new record and came in to first place in the Slalom races.

Congratulations also to others who scored well last Sunday: Marjorie Schnellbacher, Blanche Osborn and Eileen Baker.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Myrtie Hamlin celebrated her birthday Thursday, Jan. 25. The group of schottischers surprised her with a party at the Del Rey Cafe following the regular weekly dance of Obsidians at Helen Tharnert's Studio. A beautiful cake baked by Helen Smith's mother formed the centerpiece, 'round which the well-wishers gathered.

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SKI PATROL DANCE

Willamette Ski Patrol will hold their annual benefit dance next Wednesday night, February 7, at the Del Rey Cafe. Purpose is to raise revenue to pay the current costs of operation of the Ski Patrol. These expenses are not great, but as the Ski Patrol is a purely voluntary organization there are no means of raising finances to carry on the small but necessary costs of the organization.

The Willamette Ski Patrol, going into its second year of service, has rendered distinctive service to many unfortunate victims of minor and major mishaps, while playing in the snow.

Obsidians extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Jean Lafferty, Doris Bunnell, Ed Wellnitz, and John Brown; and Junior Obsidians: Brian Gillespie, Jane Walsh, Van Wesley Purdy, Pat Tiffany, and Glenn Morgan.

Congratulations to Ace and Reva Moore. They are the proud parents of a daughter, born Jan. 27. Princesses, take note.

Adeline Adams, who is going to USC Library school, misses skiing. She was home for the Christmas holidays and spent a day at Hand Lake.

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TALE OF SKIING WINS IN LIARS' CONTEST

By J. D. Hamlin

I, with a ski party, found myself in the vicinity of the Three Sisters in a blizzard. The wind seemed to be blowing right around and around the mountains, so we turned our skis upward to keep from going too fast, and went up with the wind, arriving on top of the Middle Sister. While the rest of the party was signing the book, I dropped off to sleep. When I awakened, the others had gone, and the fog was so thick I could not see which way to go.

I was bewildered, and asked the Sisters to help me, as I had to be at the Cabins by 3 o'clock for a New Year's dinner. The Middle Sister asked the South Sister to blow a cold blast from the open lake in the glacier on top, that it might freeze the fog so that I could pass over the top. She did so, and the fog was frozen as hard and smooth as glass.

I recognized a tree top above the fog, and knew I was near the cabin. I started for it, but on my way saw a deer near Deer Butte with its feet frozen fast in the fog. In passing, I grabbed it, tore it loose from the fog, and took it with me. When I reached the tree, I kept grabbing the branches and went around and around the tree until I wore my way down and landed at the cabin.

I found that a skunk had taken possession and had driven everybody away, but as the skunk and scent had become frozen in the fog, I was soon able to cut the scent out of the fog with a shovel. I hurried into the cabin and found a big fire going. I began cooking the deer for New Year's dinner.

The news had gone out that a man had frozen to death on the

mountain, and a big search party had gone out, stopping at the cabins for instructions. By the time they arrived and the women came back, I had everything cooked and on the table. I fed more than 500 people at that dinner, which all said was the best meal they had ever tasted.

The Obsidians all swear that I was frozen to death and that it was my spirit that came back and prepared the meal. They have never held another New Year's party at that cabin, always going to Belknap Springs of the CCC camp, but I am still alive and swear the story is true.

THREE SKI

Ruth Carlsen, Blanche Osborn and Eileen Baker skied at Hoodoo two weeks ago. Ruth was also skiing at Hand Lake recently. It was nice to see you again, Ruth.

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